institutions was the same that he had employed in the nto Domingo debate and on many an occasion since. He elt on the practical certainty that the islands, if annexed, aid be proposed for admission as States of the Union. The [uisition of Porto Rico would lead, he prophesied, to that Santo Domingo, Hayti and probably Cuba. " But we shall *dly stop there. Being once fairly started in the career of sjrandizement regardless of consequences, our imperialists 1 find an open ear when they tell us that our control of the caraguan Canal cannot possibly be safe unless that canal bordered on both sides by United States territory, and it therefore we must have the whole country down to that lal and a good piece beyond. That would bring us another of about 13,000,000 of Spanish-Americans mixed with dian blood, and perhaps some twenty Senators and fifty or ty Representatives, with seventy to eighty votes in the elec- •al college, and with them a flood of Spanish-American litics, notoriously the most disorderly, tricky and corrupt litics on the face of the earth. What thinking American LO has the future of the Republic at heart will not stand ap- lled at such a prospect?"

On the question of our commercial interest, he argued th much statistical data that we should get far better re- Its in direct and open competition with other nations than monopolizing the trade of the islands taken

from Spain.
>rto Rico, like Cuba, should be made an independent repub-
, and the Philippines, under a guarantee of economic free-
in, should be turned over to some such state as Holland or
jlgium for political administration. "If American diplo-
icy is not skillful enough to bring about such results in the
al settlement, it would certainly not be skillful enough
handle the more thorny problems which it would surely have